

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 26, 2015

The Mount Vernon City Council met January 26, 2015 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Taylor, Thompson and Niemi. Absent: Hampton.

1. Call to Order. At 6:30 Mayor James Moore called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Budget worksession for FY2016. Discussion only. Beimer explained that this is the fourth time Council has reviewed the budget. The difference between the current fiscal year and FY16 is very minimal as far as capital projects are concerned. The bottom line is that FY16 is about \$28k less than FY15 budget. The State form 57-548 is based on the same levy rate of \$12.99985 compared to the current \$12.99984. There was a difference of only about \$18,000.00 in property tax valuations. There was a slight increase in property valuations but in 2013 there were only 2 building permits issued and in 2014 there weren't any. Beimer continued saying that the City portion of property taxes will not increase; it will stay the same just as it has for the last 25 years. By law the budget needs to be certified by March 15th. The budget hearing will be set for the first meeting in March. Taylor asked what the discussion was regarding the MVAAC request for \$6,000.00. Mayor Moore replied that Council voted 3-1 to leave their budget the same (\$3,500.00) as FY15. Roudabush explained that Heritage Days (Wade Squiers) had asked for an increase in City support but Council decided on the same as last year; \$3,000.00 for fireworks. Taylor asked why a compromised figure might not have been arrived at. Mayor Moore replied that was because the City had zero growth so there isn't any extra money to take of additional askings. Thompson added that no one's budget was increased. That doesn't mean that it can't be done later on though. Taylor said that isn't really accurate to say that things aren't going up because we're spending a lot more in areas than we were last year. Niemi said that the reason that made the most sense to him (not to increase their budget) was when Roudabush said that if MVAAC's budget was increased why don't they raise CDG's budget or anyone who asked for more support? The \$50,000.00 originally budgeted for the Stonebrook trail was re-assigned to for lights and labor along the Sauter Trail. Chief Winder introduced Jules Scadden, LMVAS Director of EMS.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:07 p.m., January 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,
Michael R. Beimer
City Administrator